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It's the end of the work day, and most people are heading to their cars thinking about dinner, perhaps a soccer game or just a relaxing couple of hours with family and friends. But a hearty cadre of others are heading to their cars for another reason – they're on their way to work.

The clock doesn't stop in the late afternoon at Robins Air Force Base. From then and into the hours of darkness and beyond, people are hard at work handling security, fuel, food service, lodging and air traffic control. Sheet metal and propeller mechanics, avionics technicians and scores of people in other aircraft production specialties are producing echoes in cavernous hangars and smaller work areas kept alive by the taps of computer keyboards and the hum of electronic equipment. Telephone operators are at their stations, and civil engineers are keeping base water, sewage and industrial waste plants up and operating.

A telephone survey indicated that more than 1,000 people regularly work shifts that begin when the traditional work day ends. This issue of the Rev-Up is dedicated to those who labor in the shadows to keep the light at the other end of the tunnel shining.

The mission wouldn't be complete without them.

After dark



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN FIRST CLASS PAUL ROSS

Although darkness has long since decended upon the industrial area, employees continue working throughout the night to help Robins achieve its aircraft production schedule.

Looking at ways to stay healthy while working the night shift

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

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Whether it's the 'owl shift' or the 'swing shift,' many people at Robins find themselves serving the war-fighting mission after dark – a lifestyle that can present challenges to maintaining good health.

Master Sgt. Brian Sondgeroth, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron's Fighter Production supervisor, said getting into a routine as soon as possible is the best way to make unusual shifts work for you.

"I haven't been working on nights too long," he said. "Just now, in the past several weeks, I've been getting in the groove of being on 'swings.'"

The 39-year-old Illinois native said a set routine helps him meet his obligations at home and work.

"We work until 11 p.m.," he said. "I usually go to the running track when I get off work and then go to bed at about 12:30 at night. I have a 2-year-old and a wife who has to run errands and who likes to go the gym. We trade off babysitting responsibilities at home. I have to fit in family time, school studies and any other obligations before my 2 p.m.-11 p.m. shift. If I get seven hours of sleep, I consider myself lucky."

And Sergeant Sondgeroth isn't alone.

Capt. Barbara Embry, senior psychologist at the Life Skills Support Center here, said maintaining a schedule is important in keeping one's circadian rhythm in check.

"One thing that people need to understand is

WHAT TO KNOW

The Life Skills Support Center offers units health assessments to measure different shifts' effects on the body and productivity. For more information, contact the Life Skills Support Center at 327-8398. For more information on how to live healthier, contact the HAWC at 327-8480.

that the body has an internal clock that causes us to wake up and causes us to get sleepy," she said. "It's based on the time of day and your past habits of when it's time to get up or go to bed. When you change shifts, you're changing that clock."

Captain Embry said people often feel sluggish, irritable and frazzled when their schedule is knocked out of its usual pattern – but developing a new routine and sticking to it can help the adjustment be a smooth one.

"The shorter the period of time between switching cycles, the less effect it's going to have on you," she said. "When you're on night shift, make sure you have a pretty rigid routine and make sure you get all the normal stuff, like exercise and eating right, that you would in a healthy lifestyle."

Eating healthy can be a hard idea to swallow when maintaining odd shifts. But Bridget Zimmerman, Health and Wellness Center director here, said with a little planning, you can eat right, even at night.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

One way to avoid getting sleepy when working odd hours is to exercise, according to Bridget Zimmerman, Robins Health and Wellness Center director.

"You should eat a good, well-balanced meal before you go to work," she said. "That should get you off to a good start. Pack healthy snacks, like whole wheat crackers, cut-up vegetables and fruit in your lunch, so you won't be as tempted to go to the vending machine."

For people like Sergeant Sondgeroth, who are hypnotized by the computer screens most of the night, fighting to stay awake can be tough in the early hours of the morning.

"I may get a little bored and tired behind the computer and I feel like I've got to munch on something like (snack cakes) or get a (soda) to get a boost about mid-shift. That's my worst habit."

Mrs. Zimmerman said instead of hitting the snacks when eyes become heavy, you should hit the floor.

"Get up and walk around to get your blood flowing," she said. "If you're sitting at a desk for very long, it can be hard to stay awake. You've got to get moving. Use your Gym-in-a-bag. It's a way to stay awake and stay in shape too."

Before you let your head hit the pillow after your shift, there are some things to keep in mind to get the most out of your sleep.

"Whatever people consider a little chilly is the right temperature for sleep," said Captain Embry. "Some people will say 71 degrees and some will say 73 degrees. I would say most people would find temperatures between 70-74 degrees most comfortable for sleep."

In addition to the right feeling in the air, Captain Embry said ensuring the room is kept dark enough and outside noises are removed as much as possible, also helps in getting the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep each day.

Removing activities like watching TV and eating in the bedroom, and including quiet bed-time rituals like reading a book or working a crossword puzzle can help people who have trouble falling asleep.

"If you can't get to sleep after 30 minutes, get up and do some kind of quiet, boring activity that will help you get sleepy," she said.

If insomnia-like symptoms persist, a doctor should be consulted.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Senior Airman
Chad Kister**
78th Security Forces
Squadron patrolman

- **Years in the Air Force:** 3
- **Hometown:** Somerset, Pa.
- **Reason for joining:** "I joined the Air Force for the educational opportunities."
- **Favorite part of your job:** "The best thing about the job is the close personal contact I get to have with the Base populace."
- **Goals:** "To obtain a Bachelor's degree and have served my country well by the time I leave the Air Force."



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET

7 a.m. – Chuck Thomas, left, and Terry Warren, Robins Waste Water Plant operators, perform their daily tests at the facility just prior to shift change.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM

An E-8C Joint STARS plane sits on the flight line awaiting maintenance Thursday night.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Matt Creager, an F-15 aircraft mechanic, removes a cooling monitor. The cooling monitor checks the temperature of cockpit avionics.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM

Airman 1st Class Kristopher Bedel, 116th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural journeyman, fabricates a piece of metal for a fan cowl Thursday night.



U.S. Air Force photos by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Kifer
Crew chief, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

- **Years in the Air Force:** 7
- **Hometown:** Mount Storm, W.V.
- **Reason for joining:** The opportunity for travel
- **Goals:** "I want to get my assignment to the Philippines where I will be doing special duty as an in-flight maintenance technician."
- **Best thing about the job:** "My favorite part of working the night shift is it allows me to see my family more. It really works out well, because I get home and go to bed and then when I get up, my family is home from what they do all day. It really allows me to spend more time with them than I normally would."



U.S. Air Force photos by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM
Robin Doan, a machinist in the C-130 propeller shop, has worked for the Air Force for five years. The Osceola, Pa., native said the thing he likes most about working the night shift is flexibility. “I can be with my family during the day and still go to school,” he said.



**Mike
McCollough**

402nd Commodities
Maintenance Group
Tool and dye maker

- Years with the Air Force: 6
- Hometown: Barnesville, Ga.
- Best thing about the night shift: “I prefer the night shift because it pays more and it works out better with my schedule.”

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Pause and remember our veterans

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) - Today we call it Veterans Day. In years past it was called Armistice Day. But regardless of how we label it, it remains a day on which we pause to pay tribute to the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who have served our country. By taking time to remember, we honor those who have made, and continue to make, sacrifices for our country.

Freedom has never come free of cost. For those who have put their lives on the line for our country, freedom has a special meaning that most people never know.

Ask a veteran who stormed Omaha Beach in World War II, who almost froze on Korea's Chosin Reservoir, who slogged through the steaming Mekong Delta in Vietnam or who is still fighting Al-Qaeda in

Afghanistan and Iraq. These people know the meaning of freedom.

Since World War II, some 26 million Americans have patrolled the skies, guarded our shores and served on the flightlines, front lines, and supply lines. Right now, Airmen, including many from AFMC, are on alert around the clock on the Korean peninsula, or taking the fight to the enemy in the 100+-degree temperatures of the Middle East. The United States Air Force flies an average of 150 sorties a day over Iraq and 75 a day over Afghanistan — sorties made possible by the AFMC military and civilian Airmen who deliver our warfighting capabilities on time and on cost.

But our Airmen's contributions are not limited to the battlefield. They are continually participating in many humanitarian

efforts. The Air Force delivered more than 17,000 tons of supplies for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our Airmen have flown nearly 50,000 evacuees to safety and aeromedical evacuation teams airlifted thousands to treatment facilities. Our pararescuemen rescued more than 6,500 in the aftermath of those devastating storms.

As this year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, fewer of the "greatest generation" remain. But because of those veterans past, we are free. And because of veterans present and future, we'll remain free.

Please join me this Veterans Day as we pause, remember and say thank you.

General Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, wrote this commentary.



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander's
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:
► Security Forces 327-3445;
► Services Division 926-5491;
► EEO Office 926-2131;
► MEO 926-6608;
► Employee Relations 926-5802;
► Military Pay 926-3777;
► IDEA 926-2536;
► Base hospital 327-7850;
► Civil engineering 926-5657;
► Public Affairs 926-2137;
► Safety Office 926-6271;
► Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393;
► Housing Office 926-3776.

This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Excess property
Between buildings 300 and 301 there are large dumpsters, and I have noticed computer equipment, office chairs and other equipment from the buildings being dumped. Does DRMO no longer take these items for public sales, or why can't those items be donated to schools, charities, or perhaps even Katrina victims? Surely there has to be a better way to make use of this surplus.

Colonel Patterson's Reply

Thank you for your keen observation of government assets going unused. Your facility managers are responsible for coordinating with Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) for pick-up of unwanted office furniture and your Automated Data Process Equipment (ADPE) custodians are responsible for turn-in of ADPE on their account.

All ADPE custodians and facility managers have been tasked to ensure no ADPE or furniture is placed in a dumpster. The equipment custodians (EC) arrange for disposal of ADPE that is unserviceable or no longer used. The facility managers arrange for disposal of other than ADPE items. We reuse better than half of the equipment and furniture turned in to us at the computer warehouse and DRMO. Some of this equipment/furniture is reused on base but most of the reuse is in the form of donations to schools and law enforcement or other agencies.

We have reminded all facility managers and ADPE custodians of these procedures. Also, if an issue like this should arise in the future the civil engineers have a great tool to help locate the facility managers for any facility on base on their website, <https://www.cegis.robins.af.mil/queries.asp>.

American Indian soldiers honored for service

In the 20th century, five American Indians have been among those soldiers to be distinguished by receiving the United States' highest military honor: the Medal of Honor. Given for military heroism "above and beyond the call of duty," these warriors exhibited extraordinary bravery in the face of the enemy and, in two cases, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

► Jack C. Montgomery — A Cherokee from Oklahoma, and a first lieutenant with the 45th Infantry Division Thunderbirds. On Feb. 22, 1944, near Padiglione, Italy, Montgomery's rifle platoon was under fire by three echelons of enemy forces, when he single-handedly attacked all three positions, taking prisoners in the process. As a result of his courage, Montgomery's actions demoralized the enemy and inspired his men to defeat the Axis troops.

► Ernest Childers — A Creek from Oklahoma, and a first lieutenant with the 45th Infantry Division. Childers received the Medal of Honor for heroic action in 1943 when, up against machine gun fire, he and eight men charged the enemy. Although suffering a broken foot in the assault, Childers ordered covering fire and advanced up the hill, single-handedly killing two snipers, silencing two machine gun nests, and capturing an enemy mortar observer.

► Van Barfoot — A Choctaw from Mississippi, and a second lieutenant in the Thunderbirds. On May 23, 1944, during the breakout from Anzio to Rome, Barfoot knocked out two machine gun nests and captured 17 German soldiers. Later that same day, he repelled a German tank assault, destroyed a Nazi fieldpiece and while returning to camp carried two wounded commanders to safety.

► Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. —A Winnebago from Wisconsin, and a Corporal in Company E., 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea. On Nov. 5, 1950, Red Cloud was on a ridge guarding his company command post when he was surprised by Chinese communist forces. He sounded the alarm and stayed in his position firing his automat-

ic rifle and point-blank to check the assault. This gave his company time to consolidate their defenses. After being severely wounded by enemy fire, he refused assistance and continued firing upon the enemy until he was fatally wounded. His heroic action prevented the enemy from overrunning his company's position and gained time for evacuation of the wounded.

► Charles George — A Cherokee from North Carolina, and private first class in Korea when he was killed Nov. 30, 1952. During battle, George threw himself upon a grenade and smothered it with his body. In doing so, he sacrificed his own life but saved the lives of his comrades. For this brave and selfless act, George was posthumously award the Medal of Honor in 1954.

Nineteenth Century

► Alchesay — Sergeant, Indian Scouts. Place and date: Winter of 1872-73. Entry of service date unknown. Entered service: Camp Verde, Arizona. Born: 1853, Arizona Territory. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Blanquet — Indian Scout. Place and date: Winter of 1872-73. Entry of service date: unknown. Arizona. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Chiquito — Indian Scout. Place and date: Winter of 1871-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: 12 April 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Co-Rux-Te-Chod-Ish (Mad Bear) — Sergeant, Pawnee Scouts, U.S. Army. Place and date: At Republican River, Kansas, July 8, 1869. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Nebraska. Date of issue: Aug. 24, 1869. Citation: Ran out from the command in pursuit of a dismounted Indian; was shot down and badly wounded by a bullet from his own command.

► Elsatsoosu — Corporal, Indian Scouts. Place and date: Winter of 1872-73. Entry of

service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Jim — Sergeant, Indian Scouts. Place and date: Winter of 1871-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona Territory. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Kelsay — Indian Scout. Place and date: Winter of 1872-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Kosoha — Indian Scout. Place and date: Winter of 1872-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaign and engagements with Apaches.

► Machol — Private, Indian Scouts. Place and date: Arizona, 1872-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: 12 April 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaign and engagements with Apaches.

► Nannasaddie — Indian Scout. Place and date: 1872-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Nantaje (Nantahe) — Indian Scout. Place and date: 1872-73. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: April 12, 1875. Citation: Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

► Rowdy — Sergeant, Company A, Indian Scouts. Place and date: Arizona, March 7, 1890. Entry of service date unknown. Birth: Arizona. Date of issue: May 15, 1890. Citation: Bravery in action with Apache Indians.

— Submitted by the Robins Native American/Alaskan Heritage Committee.

‘Dear Roz’

Q: Under the National Security Personnel System, will all employee pay increases be based on performance? Also, how will the Department of Defense insure the money is really paid out to the employees?

A: In answer to the first questions: Yes, NSPS is a performance-based system. To receive any pay increase employees must be performing at an acceptable level.

There are several components to civilian pay:

Annual performance payouts are directly related to the level of an employee's performance and contribution to his/her organization's mission and goals. This is in contrast with today's system, by rewarding the high-performing employees with higher pay raises.

There will be pay adjustments that result from changes in nationwide salary ranges (i.e. rate ranges) due to changes in the market. Currently,

this adjustment is known as the cost of living allowance (COLA). These can vary by occupation and pay band. Employees who are rated as acceptable or higher will receive the rate range adjustments.

In addition to nationwide changes, NSPS includes a locality based component (i.e. local market supplement). The local market supplement will be based on market conditions related to geographical and occupational factors, and may differ from one occupation to another in a given locality area. This component is currently known as locality pay. As with any pay increases under NSPS, employees who are rated acceptable or higher will receive the local market supplement.

In answer to the second question: DoD is committed to ensuring civilian compensation is expended. In fact, the law requires that the aggregate amount of money allocated for civilian compensation for organizations under NSPS cannot be less than the

amount that would have been allocated under the existing system. Under NSPS, the overall amount of monies that would have been used for the annual January pay adjustment, within grade increases, quality step increases, and similar payments, will be used for civilian pay, and those funds will be expended.

The WRALC/CCN office is available to present the NSPS Overview to your staff. If your organization has not received the overview, please call 926-4023 to set up a date and time for the overview to be presented. Be sure to read the latest information available on NSPS by going to the Robins Homepage and clicking on the NSPS Logo.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

About this issue

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plant operators on page A-4. It was taken Monday at 7 a.m.
■ Although we tried to cover as many night shift employees as possible, with so many activities, we just couldn't cover everyone. For those we couldn't get to, we apologize. Your efforts towards supporting the mission are appreciated by everyone.

— The Rev-Up staff



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Duane Oram
78th Operations Support Squadron Robins tower supervisor

- **Retired Air Force:** 20 years as an air traffic controller
- **Hometown:** Bay Area, Calif.
- **Reason for choosing the Air Force as a career:** “I chose to work for the Department of Defense because I don’t think I could get this really anywhere else. I love it here, and I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else.”
- **Best thing about the job:** “I have the best job in the Air Force – I have a passion for what I do. I never have a day that I don’t want to come to work. When I go home every night I know I’ve made a difference. No doubt. And, that gives me a lot of personal satisfaction.”
- **Mission:** Provide air traffic services for various units doing training missions here and to prevent a collision between aircraft operating in the system.

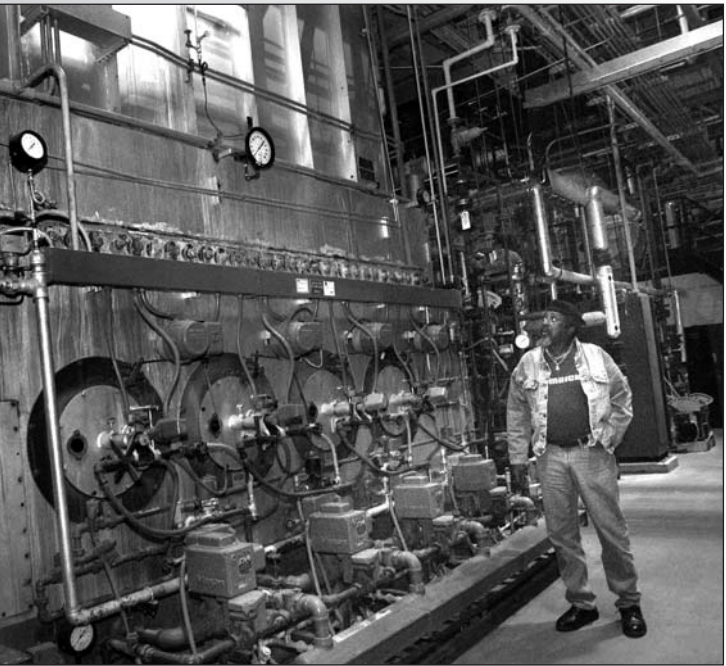


U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET

1:15 a.m. -- Tech Sgt. Greg Pearson is a crew chief with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Here, he prepares to conduct a landing and recovery inspection on a KC-135 flown by a crew from the 384th Air Refueling Squadron out of McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., Friday morning.

Harvey Seay
**Boiler plant mid-
night shift operator**

- **Years with the Air Force:** 33
- **Hometown:** Pinehurst, Ga.
- **Best thing about the job:** “I went to school for this job when I was in the Navy. I loved it then, and I love it now.”
- **Mission:** The boiler plant supplies steam to heat buildings, chemical tanks and machinery all over the base. The water is heated in one of five boilers to make the needed steam.



F-15 Functional Test Squadron

The name Team Robins is not lost on the F-15 Functional Test Squadron’s swing and owl shifts. Taking over the work left by their first shift counterparts, the 17 swing and 13 owl shift employees ensure that when a test pilot flies an F-15 here they will land safe and sound.

“The mission is to prep the aircraft for flight and to see if it is flight worthy,” said Mr. Albert Martin, The team, which consists of mechanics work leaders, electricians, avionics specialists and supervisors, prepare the aircraft for an initial green run after they leave Programmed Depot Maintenance. This preparation entails all of the operational checks a pilot would do in the air, but on the ground.

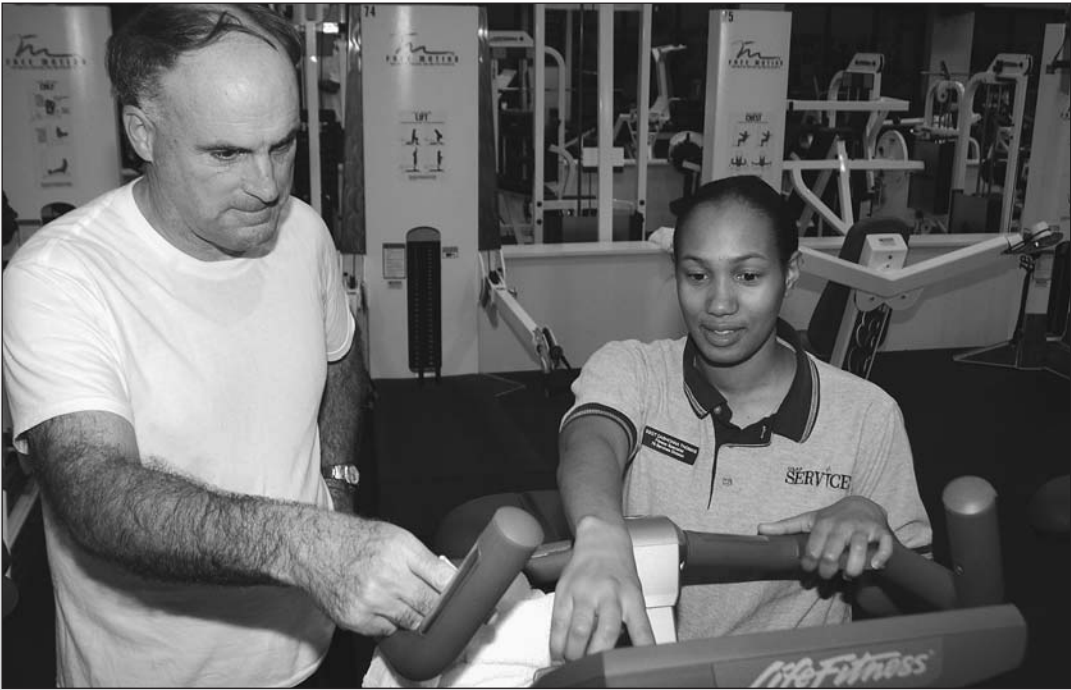
“Basically we are making the aircraft safe for the pilot,” said Mark Jedrosko, owl shift work leader. “The hangars get them and rebuild them, then bring them out here where we fuel it and test it.”

– From staff reports



Randal Duckworth
Vehicle dispatcher, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

■ **Years with the Air Force:** 20
■ **Hometown:** “I was an Air Force brat, but I was raised mainly at March Air Force Base, Calif.”
■ **Best part about the night shift:** “The best part is just meeting folks. They might be from Hawaii or it might be someone I knew from years ago, or it might be someone from who knows where. We get young GIs sometimes who are lost and they ask where billeting is, so we set them up with a base taxi. Sometimes it’s funny because they’ll ask us, ‘You’re not just going to dump me out here are you?’ We just tell them of course not. The best part is just helping people.”
■ **Reason for joining the Air Force:** “Actually, I have a college degree from Mercer. Shortly after college, my father used to be the manager of the photo lab, and he got me on here as an interim job until I got a job. It just fit me.”



U.S. Air Force photos by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET
9:30 p.m. -- Staff Sgt. Dashonna Thomas, right, discusses cardiovascular workouts with Will Palfrey, a retiree and contractor with Northrup Grumman.

Staff Sgt. Dashonna Thomas
78th Services Division, Base Fitness Center

■ **Years with the Air Force:** 4
■ **Hometown:** Houston, Texas
■ **Best part about the night shift:** “There’s more time to interact with the customers. It’s so busy during the day with all the people who come and go that there isn’t much time to help people. At night, it slows down, and if a customer needs one-on-one help with their workout, nights are the best time to get it.”
■ **Reason for joining the Air Force:** “It was a mixture of education and travel. I was a military brat; my step-dad was in the Air Force.”
■ **Goals:** “I’d like to finish my bachelors’ degree in information technology and obtain my master fitness certification.”

Tina Huddleston
Front desk clerk,
Pine Oaks Lodge

■ **Years with the Air Force:** 10, I spent four years in the Air Force as a dental hygienist
■ **Best part about the night shift:** “It’s the people who come in and check in. They come from all over the world as you can imagine.”
■ **Reason for joining the Air Force:** I like Air Force people. As a military brat, I grew up around the Air Force.”
■ **Goals:** “I want to get settled in here in Warner Robins and buy a house.”



James Poundstone is one of the Industrial Waste Treatment Plant operators who works the night shift at Robins. The plant runs 24-hour operations Monday through Friday.

Bobby Mosley, C-5 fuels technician, drills out a nut plate on a C-5 leading edge. The Jesup, Ga., native has spent 22 years working with the Air Force, and said the best part of the job is, “The satisfaction of doing a job that I know will be completed and completed with dedication to quality.”



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Top: Glenn Holden, C-5 swing shift supervisor, stands in front of a C-5 being worked on by the night shift. Bottom: David Hatten, a C-5 Hydraulics mechanic, rigs a main landing gear door.

Night Line: C-5 production team keeps mission going 24 hours a day

When a C-5 cargo plane arrives here for Programmed Depot Maintenance, two shifts of attendants work to ensure it has the Robins PDM line stamp of approval before it departs.

“Our mission is to return the aircraft to the war fighter as quickly as possible with the best quality,” said Glenn Holden, C-5 swing shift supervisor.

More than 150 mechanics and technicians work to complete the two phases of C-5 PDM, a large number of them at night.

The crews blend easily, taking over the work of the shift before them and leaving precision work for those that follow.

There are two phases to the C-5 PDM process. The first phase, or in-dock phase, employs 83

workers and is where the aircraft is stripped, inspections are performed and components are removed. The post dock phase, or operational phase, employs 72 and is where the aircraft goes through numerous checks and balances.

This crew has worked hard to be recognized as America’s go-to team, producing quality C-5 aircraft supporting this country’s national objectives, and recently set a new milestone.

The number of aircraft on station has been reduced from 13 to seven, giving the war fighter an additional six aircraft.

“Our goal is now to maintain seven aircraft on station at all times and to reduce the number of flow days to 160,” said Mr. Holden.

— From Staff Reports





► IN BRIEF

THIRD QUARTER AWARDS CEREMONY SCHEDULED

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will host the Team Robins third quarter awards ceremony Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

TAX CENTER NEEDS TEAM MEMBERS

The Robins Tax Center needs volunteers. The volunteers should be active duty military, retirees, or their family members.

Team members will receive free training from the IRS in computerized income tax preparation.

Each volunteer must be certified in order to prepare and file income tax returns for eligible clients. The Tax Center will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Since the tax center is manned by volunteers only, committed members are needed who can work at least two days a week if possible and not be slated for a TDY during the tax filing season (Jan. 23 through April 14).

Military personnel wishing to join the team should notify their first sergeants, through their supervisors, by Dec. 2.

For more information, contact Jakki Brown at 222-0561, 926-2635 or email jacqueline.brown@robins.af.mil.

BOOK SIGNING AT MUSEUM

The Museum of Aviation will host a book signing Monday by a Vietnam Veteran who works at Robins Air Force Base.

Bob Bovitch, a services specialist at Robins, has written “Reflections from the Life of a Vietnam Veteran” which covers his life after the war to include college and working for the government for more than 34 years.

The signing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in conjunction with the opening of a new exhibit titled “Total Force: the Workers Behind Robins Air Force Base,” and a celebration of the Museum’s 21st birthday. Mr. Bovitch will also present a copy to the Museum of Aviation archives.

Mr. Bovitch started his book 38 years ago aboard the USS Bronstein DE 1037 and continued writing through the stressful years of the Vietnam War.

All proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Veterans Music Ministry in Stapleton, Neb. After Monday, the book will be available for purchase in the Museum of Aviation Gift Shop. For more information, call the museum at 926-6870.

MUSEUM HOLDS NATIVE AMERICAN WORKSHOP

Museum of Aviation Education Department will hold a Native American workshop Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. - noon. The event is for students in kindergarten through second grade. Cost is \$15 per student. Participants will explore Native American heritage and artifacts in the museum’s Heritage Building. Participants will also make pottery, a headpiece and a bear tooth necklace. Check-in will be held at the side entrance of the Heritage Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. Class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, email Tamea Matthews at tmatthews@museumofaviation.org or call (478) 926-5558.

ENERGY CLOSURE DAY PLANNED FOR NOV. 25

An energy closure day is scheduled for all Air Logistics Center employees Nov. 25. Organizations are asked to complete the spreadsheet that they have received in regard to this closure by today. Completed spreadsheets should be provided to April Haskins at april.haskins@robins.af.mil.

Since some facilities will need to be manned, this information is necessary and will identify where

ROAD CLOSURE PLANNED

Richard Ray Boulevard immediately south of the southeast corner of Building 210 will be partially closed while contractors install a security gate across the boulevard. It is expected to reopen Dec. 6 barring inclement weather.

The gate is part of the anti-terrorism system around Buildings 214, 215, 210 and 220.

One east and one westbound lane will remain open. Work will be performed in the inner two lanes and on both shoulders of the road.

Base drivers should avoid this area if possible. If they operate a vehicle or walk adjacent to this area they should watch for construction workers and equipment.

Access to the parking lot immediately east of Building 215 and west of Buildings 226, 227 and 228 can be gained by using the entrance on Richard Ray between Buildings 214 and 228 or the entrance at the Perry and Third Street intersection west of Buildings 226 and 231. Parking spaces on the west side of Building 215 also can be accessed using those entrances.

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, WALK/RUN PLANNED

The Great American Smokeout is Nov. 17. Smokers are encouraged to quit for the day or to smoke less. Commit to Quit kits are available at the Health and Wellness Center, Civilian Health Promotion Service, 78th Medical Clinic, Base Restaurant, or Occupational Medicine.

A Smoking Cessation walk/run will be held Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Fitness Center track. This walk is to

support those who want to quit smoking during the Great American Smokeout. To register, call 327-8034.

COMMISSARY SETS THANKSGIVING HOURS

During the week of Thanksgiving, the commissary will be open Nov. 21 – 23, and Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The commissary will be closed Thanksgiving, and will operate from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Nov. 26. For more information, call Teena Standard at 926-3714.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
3:28 a.m. — Paul Massengill (above), 78th Civil Engineer Group chill water operator, programs a chiller for lower chill water temperature going to buildings on base Friday.



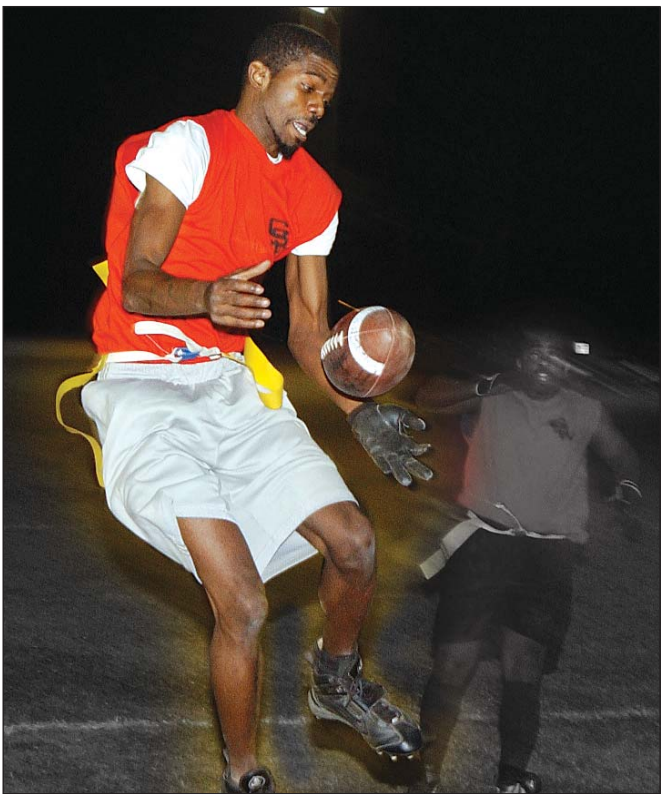
Earnest Williams
Flight line kitchen cook

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

- Years working with the Air Force: 32
- Hometown: Warner Robins, Ga.
- Best thing about the job: "I've always loved to cook since I was a little boy. I love making people happy."
- Goals: "To have my customers leave happy, satisfied and very pleased. Like they say, the customer always comes first."



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM
Samuel Callaway, a maintenance propeller shop machinist, has worked with the Air Force for 18 years. The Macon, Ga., native said it's easy to explain what he likes about the working the night shift: "You can get more done during the night shift ... less traffic, more pay."



U.S. Air Force photo by
STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET

Carlos Mosely a 78th Medical Group cable installer, intercepts a pass intended for the end zone during a game against the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Mosely, along with Eric Evans and Dewayne Mobley, all work the night shift and play for the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing football team.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM
Staff Sgt. Jason Washington, 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron integrated systems technician, takes a break while waiting to perform maintenance on a Joint STARS plane.

TODAY

Base Restaurant will offer a customer appreciation Thanksgiving meal from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$2.75. For more information, call Base Restaurant at 926-6972.

Wednesday is Ladies Day at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$15 for golf car and green fee. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

FRIDAY

Veterans bowl for \$1 per game from 1 – 5 p.m. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 926-2112.

Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling every Friday and Saturday, 9 - 11 p.m. at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night, 12 years and younger bowl for \$5, 13 and older bowl for \$10. On Saturday everyone bowls for \$10 per person. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. The hours are Tuesday through Friday at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

SATURDAY

A Thanksgiving two-person turkey scramble begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 for annual green fee members and \$30 for guests and includes green fee, golf car, range balls and prizes. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

A Pine Oaks Golf Course Pro Shop sale will be held from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All in stock clubs and golf bags reduced. Take off an additional 15 percent on all clearance priced stock. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

A Veteran's Day Celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park in Cordele, with a ceremony at 3 p.m. In attendance will be the Heart of Georgia Pipes and Drums, Crisp County High School JROTC Color Guard, and guest speaker Tommy Clack, Vietnam veteran. A car and truck show will be held Nov. 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A radio-controlled model airplane fly-in will be held Nov. 12 and 13. For more information, call 229-276-2371.

Come golf on weekends after 1 p.m. for \$20. Cost includes green and cart fee. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

A family golf special is held Saturdays after 3:30 p.m. Play nine-holes for only \$20. This includes cart and green fee for one adult and junior. Pay an additional \$6 for adults or \$5 for juniors. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for non-members. For more information, call 926-2670.

Football Frenzy 2005 makes a touchdown at the Robins Enlisted Club at noon on Sundays. By participating, club members have an opportunity to win a trip to a Pro or Super Bowl game. Call the Enlisted Club at 925-4515 for complete details and contest rules.

MONDAY

Golf on Mondays and Tuesdays for only \$25. Includes green fee, cart fee and lunch. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

Twilight special is available Monday – Friday after 3:30 p.m. for \$14, or weekends and holidays after 3:30 p.m. for \$15. This includes green fee and golf car. Play as much as you can. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

TUESDAY

Morning Out, a new program, is available to provide quality care for children ages 19 months – 4 years old. Cost is \$60 per month per child and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – noon with a discount during the holiday months of November, December and

Flight Line kitchen

Laura Turner, Flight Line kitchen night shift leader, and Cita Lilley, food service worker, pack box lunches at 4:10 a.m. Friday.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP



March. For more information call the Child Development Center at 926-5805.

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up games will be held each Tuesday beginning at 5 p.m. on the parade grounds. Games are open to men and women of all skill levels. Bring cleats and a white and dark colored shirt. For more information call Ryan Stich at 222-4346.

A lunch time special on the range is held Tuesdays and Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 for all the range balls you can hit. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

UPCOMING

Join the fun at Boss N' Buddy night Nov. 16. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes prizes and appetizers. For more information call the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

A table tennis tournament is slated for Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. This free event is open to all base employees, retirees, reservists and family members 16 years and older. The field is limited to the first 16 players to register. This is a 3C event. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Enter the turkey shoot during open bowling through Nov. 19. Bowlers pay \$7 to bowl three games of 8-pin no-tap. League bowlers pay only \$2 and use their league series with handicap. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 926-2112.

Volunteers are needed to serve as chaperones for the Nov. 19 teen lock-in, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call the Teen Center at 926-5601 or email the teen center advisor at marvin.hawkins@robins.af.mil.

The annual holiday canned food drive will be held Nov. 21 – Dec. 13. Baskets will be made and delivered Dec. 15 and 16. To learn how you can help please call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Tickets for Atlanta Hawks versus San Antonio Spurs will be on sale now through Nov. 21. Game is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Hawks versus Philadelphia 76ers Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Philips Arena in Atlanta. Tickets on sale through Dec. 6. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

Everyone is invited to bring their friends plus make new ones at the fast-paced, exciting, easy game of Bunco at the community center Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Come on out and roll the dice for great fun and prizes. This event is open to the entire Robins AFB community. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Wynn Dining Facility, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nov. 24. Items will be priced a la carte plus a surcharge on the total meal. Spouse and dependent children of active duty enlisted members in pay grades E-1 through E-4 are not required to pay the surcharge. Essential messing (dorm residents) will not pay for their meals, but their family members and guests will pay the standard rate. Military members who do not live in the dorms are asked to notify the dining hall no later than Nov. 18 if planning to dine so food may be prepared accordingly. For a look at the menu, visit the Services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services go to Food Service and click on the Thanksgiving menu. For more information call Wynn

Dining at 926-6596 or 923-7307.

Family night bingo will be played Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. Prizes will include motor cars, sport equipment, outdoor games, electronic games and family games. Cost is \$3 for 10 games. All children purchasing a package will receive a small gift. No one will go home empty-handed. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

The U.S. Air Force's Tops In Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight hangar Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. Doors will open for the general public on a first-come-first-serve basis starting at 6:30 p.m. In this year's show, Tops In Blue 2005 drums up their own rhythm in their swinging nightclub, Club Bleu. Audiences will be tapping their feet to pulsating music from great performers like the Platters, Gladys Knight and The Pips, Billy Joel, Gloria Estafan, The Weather Girls and many more. No Tops In Blue show would be complete without famous patriotic music, as they pay tribute to all Air Force personnel and their families who serve our nation with pride and dedication. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Purchase your Wild Adventure annual passes for 2006 on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Purchase a Wild Adventure Passport for \$58 (gate \$64.95); parking pass for \$21 (gate \$25) or a platinum pass for \$123 (gate \$129.95) includes parking, unlimited go-karts, sky-coaster ride, golf and discount on food. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

ONGOING

The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes:

- Adult water color, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$10;
- Children's watercolor, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 from 4:30 – 6 p.m., cost \$5.
- Basic framing and matting, Nov. 15 and 17 from 6 – 9 p.m., cost \$12.50;
- Encaustic art, Nov. 15 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$12.50;
- Flowers in oil with Yon, Nov. 14 and 21 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$12.50;
- Rubber stamping holiday cards Nov. 17 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$15;
- Scroll saw and learn fret work, Nov. 9 and 23 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$10;
- Wood shop classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and do-it-yourself framing, Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Evenings and Saturdays framing classes by appointment only.
- Auto shop safety and orientation is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge.

Advance registration and payment is required for classes. Classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, please call the Arts & Crafts center at 926-5282.

Join the Enlisted Club on a trip to an NFL game. Tickets are on sale at the cashier's office for the Atlanta Falcons versus Green Bay Packers on Nov. 13. Cost is \$40 per person and includes ticket, transportation, food and beverages. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Base Restaurant will offer a carry-out special to include a 15-pound whole turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, half-pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$45.95. Orders will be taken through Nov. 18. Final day for pick-up is Nov. 23 by 3 p.m. To

place an order or for more information, call Base Restaurant at 926-3031 or 926-6972.

Tickets are on sale for the Thanksgiving buffet at the Officers' Club Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$14.95, non-members \$16.95, and children 12 years and younger, \$6.95. A traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including salad and dessert bar, will be served. Reservations are requested. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Tickets for the 2006 Daytona 500 will be on sale until Dec. 23. Ticket packages include a Great American Race Weekend (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Hershey's 300) for \$103.28 (regular \$162); All American Offer (one super stretch and one Daytona 500 hat) for \$102.25 (regular \$132) or Nextel Fanzone (pre-race pass) for \$75 (regular \$90). For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

Look for GO offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities during Dec. 1 – Feb. 28. The GO program offers a variety of events, activities and discounts designed specifically for Robins' junior enlisted force. All E -1 through E – 4's and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. Your ID card is your entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Make sure you carry your ID card. For more information call the Services Marketing Office at 926-5492.

Do you have art or craft talent you would like to share? The Arts & Crafts Center needs contract teachers. Please contact Joyce Brannon at 926-5282 for more information.

Now is the time to book your organization's golf outings and tournaments for 2006. For dates, times and great prices call the Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

The Oscar's Amphitheatre is now available for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes at the nature center. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information call 926-4001.

New hunters to the base need to have a Georgia safe hunting license and a base hunting permit. Call 926-4001 to sign-up for the base hunter's safety course.

GO Orlando Cards are available at ITT. This card offers unlimited admission to more than 50 of Florida's top attractions plus savings on shopping and dining. Cost is \$90 adult/\$70 children for two-day pass; \$140 adult/\$115 children for three-day pass; \$195 adult/\$150 for five-day pass or \$250 adult/\$175 children for seven-day pass. For information call 926-2945.

Join the Enlisted or Officers' clubs between now and Nov. 30 and you could win a \$1,000 credit towards your club card account. For more information call the Enlisted Club, 926-4515, or Officers' Club, 926-2670.

Link Up 2 Golf at Pine Oaks Golf Course offers participants more than \$300 in savings for \$99 per person, and includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link UP 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble. For more information, call 926-4103.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

TODAY

The Greatest Game Ever Played
Shia LaBeouf, Stephen Dillane

An amateur player from a working class family, Francis shocked the golf world when at the 1913 U.S. Open, flanked by his 10-year-old caddie, he defeated his idol, the defending British champion. An unlikely match-up, theirs was the greatest match the sport had ever known. Caught between a world of hardship and a beckoning life privilege, Francis needed to prove his unfailing will and ability to make it to the tournament. PG (brief mild language) 115 minutes.

SATURDAY

Yours, Mine & Ours
Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo
Free Motion Picture Preview Screening

(Doors open at noon. Showtime is 2 p.m.) In this family comedy, single parents Frank (Dennis Quaid) and Helen (Rene Russo) plan to tie the knot....but with 18 children between them trying to sabotage the marriage, they discover that weddings and the families can't be built in a day. PG (Some mild crude humor). Free passes are available at any AAFES food outlets and Exchange checkout counters on Nov. 10 and 11. Moviegoers are encouraged to arrive early as seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Theater is not responsible for over booking.

Serenity
Nathan Fillion, Alan Tudyk

Captain Malcolm Reynolds ekes out a living pulling off small crimes and transport-for-hire aboard his ship, Serenity. PG-13 (Sequences of intense violence and action, and some sexual references). 119 minutes.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information

to Amanda Smith at: **amanda.smith@robins.af.mil**. Submissions run for two weeks. **Nicole Rogers Little**, 402 Software Maintenance Group, has been approved as a leave transfer recipient. Point of contact is Lynn Coleman, 222-4252.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

**Senior Airman
Daniel Lavazzo
78th Operations Support
Squadron, weather forecaster**

- **Years in the Air Force:** 5
- **Hometown:** Albany, New York
- **Reason for joining:** "My reason for joining was training, educational benefits and travel. I've got my share of them all."
- **Goals:** "To get everything and anything I can out of my six year enlistment and apply it to my life following the Air Force."
- **Best thing about the job:** "Giving the pilots the information they need and realizing that you are a part of the flying mission. This job can be very rewarding as a result of an accurate forecast, a perfect briefing, or being able to answer any question pertaining to the weather a customer may have."
- **Mission:** "The mission of the team is to provide timely and accurate weather information to our customers while maintaining 100 percent preparedness to support contingency operations anywhere in the world."



**Elena Martin
78th Transportation Squadron
Motor pool driver**

- **Years with the Air Force:** 2
- **Hometown:** Fresno, Calif.
- **Best thing about the job:** "You don't have to do the same thing every day. The variety keeps you from getting bored."
- **Reason for joining Robins:** Worked as school bus driver for the board of education and heard about the job through friends.
- **Mission:** "We do crew runs for the JSTARS and Tankers, and taxi runs all over the base. We take crews to the airport for flights out or go to pick them up when they come in. Whatever is needed."



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Robins firefighters respond to an in-flight emergency on the flight line early Friday morning.



► IN BRIEF

SPOUSES CLUB HOLDS MONTHLY SOCIAL

Join the Robins Officers’ Spouses Club (OSC) for their monthly social Nov. 17 in the Officer’s Club Ballroom at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. A silent auction, “Make It, Bake It, Fake It,” will be held.

New members are always welcome. Reservations must be called in by noon Nov. 14.

Those with standing reservations who do not plan to attend are asked to cancel by noon on Nov. 14, or they will be charged for the meal.

For more information, contact Denise Varner at ydvarner@alltel.net or Heather Sistare at shsistare@alltel.net.

UPDATE TRICARE PRIME ENROLLMENT CARDS

In 2004, TRICARE transitioned from 12 regions to three, with many areas losing or gaining new managed care support contractors.

Since that time, there are still some TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who have TRICARE Prime Enrollment Cards from their former regions. These cards have the old MCSC information, which is obsolete.

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are encouraged to review their cards to make sure their information/card is correct.

If it is not, they can either cross out the old information and add the correct MCSC telephone number on the card, or contact their customer service number for a new TRICARE Prime Enrollment Card:

Health Net Federal Services (HNFS) – (877) 874-2273;

Humana Military Health Care Service (HMHS) – (800) 444-5445;

TRIWEST Health Care Alliance (TRIWEST) – (888) 874-9378;

Wisconsin Physician Group (WPS) – (866) 773-0404.

One last look



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM
Tech. Sgt. Greg Landa, a Communications Navigation craftsman with the 116th Aircraft maintenance Squadron, has been in the Air Force for eight years. He said his favorite part of working the night shift is the hands-on work he gets to do.

